

DRAFT AGENDA
FORTY-FIFTH MEETING OF THE MARINE MAMMAL COMMISSION
AND
THIRTY-NINTH MEETING OF
THE COMMITTEE OF SCIENTIFIC ADVISORS ON MARINE MAMMALS

National Conservation Training Center
12–13 September 2006, Shepherdstown, West Virginia

TUESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2006

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| 8:30-8:45 | WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND REVIEW OF MEETING FORMAT |
| 8:45-10:15 | SCOPE OF COMMISSION RESPONSIBILITIES AND ASSESSMENT OF COMMISSION EFFECTIVENESS |
| | I. Scope of the Commission's responsibilities |
| | II. Measures of Commission effectiveness/success |
| 10:15-10:30 | Break |
| 10:30-12:00 | PRIORITY ISSUES |
| | I. Identifying major issues affecting marine mammal and marine ecosystem protection and conservation and setting Commission priorities |
| | II. Following up on research ideas generated at the Portland consultation to make them relevant and useful in a management context |
| 12:00-1:15 | Lunch |
| 1:15-3:00 | PRIORITY SPECIES |
| | I. Selecting species of special concern |
| | II. Addressing the needs of all endangered species |
| | III. Conservation units and stock structure |
| 3:00-3:15 | Break |
| 3:30-5:00 | INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES |
| | I. Responsibilities for species inside and outside U.S. waters |
| | II. Participation in international policy, research, and conservation efforts |
| | III. Keeping informed about international issues/species of concern |
| 5:00-5:30 | Recap of day's discussions |
| 5:30-6:00 | Ethics discussion |
| 6:00 PM | ADJOURN FOR THE DAY |

WEDNESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2006

8:00-9:30 PERMITS

- I. Interpreting “bona fide”
- II. Defining the unit of concern (species, stock, population, rookery, individual)
- III. Addressing cumulative effects
- IV. Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees (IACUCs)
- V. Permitting requirements for scientists from federal and state management agencies
- VI. Current process for handling permits

9:30-10:00 CONDUCTING COMMISSION BUSINESS

- I. Mechanisms or processes for establishing priority issues and species
- II. Reauthorization of the MMPA
- III. Alternative approaches to the annual meeting and annual report
- IV. The role and value of special projects, such as those of the past 3 years

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-12:00 CONDUCTING COMMISSION BUSINESS (cont.)

12:00-1:15 Lunch

1:15-3:00 COMMITTEE, STAFF, AND BUDGET

- I. Committee composition and suitability for meeting Commission responsibilities
- II. Making the best use of Commissioner and Committee member time
- III. Additional staff and budget

3:00-3:15 Break

3:15-4:30 COMMITTEE, STAFF, AND BUDGET (cont.)

4:30-5:30 GENERAL DISCUSSION

5:30-6:00 CLOSING REMARKS

6:00 ADJOURN THE MEETING
